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of Bone Marrow Precursor Cells (BMP) and/or Circulation  
Precursor Cells Derived From Blood (BDP)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/EP2004/011503. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.